

cern for the well-being of the poorest families around the globe.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
February 28, 1997.

NOTE: H.J. Res. 36, approved February 28, was assigned Public Law No. 105-3.

Memorandum on Certification for Major Narcotics Producing and Transit Countries

February 28, 1997

Presidential Determination No. 97-18

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Certification for Major Narcotics Producing and Transit Countries

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 490(b)(1)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, ("the Act"), I hereby determine and certify that the following major drug producing and/or major drug transit countries/dependent territories have cooperated fully with the United States, or taken adequate steps on their own, to achieve full compliance with the goals and objectives of the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances:

Aruba, The Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Taiwan, Thailand, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 490(b)(1)(B) of the Act, I hereby determine that it is in the vital national interests of the United States to certify the following major illicit drug producing and/or transit countries:

Belize, Lebanon, and Pakistan.

Analysis of the relevant U.S. vital national interests, as required under section 490(b)(3) of the Act, is attached. I have determined that the following major illicit drug producing and/or major transit countries do not meet the standards set forth in section 490(b) for certification:

Afghanistan, Burma, Colombia, Iran, Nigeria, and Syria.

In making these determinations, I have considered the factors set forth in section 490 of the Act, based on the information contained in the International Narcotics Control Strategy Report of 1997. Because the performance of each of these countries/dependent territories has differed, I have attached an explanatory statement for each of the countries/dependent territories subject to this determination.

You are hereby authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress immediately and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

Memorandum on Delegation of Responsibility for Defense Acquisition Management

February 28, 1997

Memorandum for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Subject: Delegation of Responsibility for Submitting a Legislative Proposal Pursuant to Section 809(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-201) ("Act") and section 301 of title 3 of the United States Code, I hereby delegate to you the responsibility for submitting a legislative proposal to the Congress as required under section 809(e) of the Act.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest an-

nounced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

February 24

The President named Richard Socarides as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor for Public Liaison.

February 25

In the morning, the President met with Second Deputy Prime Minister Prince Sultan bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate James B. King to serve a second 4-year term as Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

The White House announced that the President announced the formation of a Capital Budget Commission to report to the President on how best to reflect and encourage public investment while maintaining strict fiscal discipline in the Federal budget. He named Jon S. Corzine and Kathleen Brown as Cochairs. Following consultation with the Cochairs and the congressional leadership, the President will make nine other bipartisan appointments to the Commission.

The White House announced that the President will attend the New York Mets/Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game at Shea Stadium in New York City on April 15 to honor the memory of Jackie Robinson and commemorate the 50th anniversary of the integration of major league baseball.

February 27

At noon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia concerning the upcoming summit meeting in Helsinki, Finland.

The President announced his intention to reappoint Brent Scowcroft to be a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

February 28

The President announced his intention to nominate Joel I. Klein as Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ray C. Anderson, Scott Bernstein, Randall Franke, Harry J. Pearce, and M.

Susan Savage to the President's Council on Sustainable Development.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm which occurred November 13–26, 1996.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 25

Wyche Fowler, Jr.,
of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Princeton Nathan Lyman,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be an Assistant Secretary of State, vice Douglas Joseph Bennet, Jr., resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released February 25

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry and Deputy Director of Communications Ann Lewis